



Accountability Unity Transparency Equality

Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga



Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga is calling on **FLAG DAY TUTUILA AND MANU'A!**
all the Leaders, government, family, villages and

Ia Tutumau ma Maopoopo Fa'atasi

O le augani a le Afiofa i le Kovana Sili, le tofā i le To'oto'o Lolo Matalasi MOLIGA, ia maopoopo ma tutumau ta'ita'i o Tutuila ma Manu'a, ta'ita'i o le Malo, ta'ita'i o Aiaga, ta'ita'i o nu'u ma ta'ita'i o Ekalesia i le Leo e TASI, o le Finagalo AUTASI ma le Loto GATASI, e ta'ita'i le Malo ma le Atunu'u auā se manuia mo ona tagatanu'u.

O le meaalofa a le Aufaigaluega a le Atua i le ulua'i sauniga lotu o le Aso o le Fu'a, Aperila 17, 2013, "Ia maopoopo ta'ita'i ma tagatanu'u o Amerika Samoa ma le Atua, o i'inā, e maua ai fa'amaniuaga tumau.

IA MANUIA LE ASO FA'AMANATU O LAU SISIGA FU'A TUTUILA MA MANU'A!



Lt. Governor Lemanu Peleti Mauga

Unity

churches of American Samoa to Unite with ONE Voice, of ONE Opinion, and ONE Heart to lead Tutuila and Manu'a to be a successful and a prosperous Territory.

The Servants of God who served during the Opening Services of the Flag Day, April 17, 2013 gave their blessings with "Leaders of American Samoa and the People of American Samoa, be in UNITY with our Almighty God, and you will reap in abundance".

CONGRATULATIONS AND A HAPPY

Calendar of Events:

Retirement Checks	Apr 15
Arts Council Festivities	Apr 16
Happy Flag Day	Apr 17
Fautasi Race @ 7am	Apr 17
Flag Day Festivities @ 8am Veterans Stadium	Apr 17
Government Return to Work	Apr 18

What's New

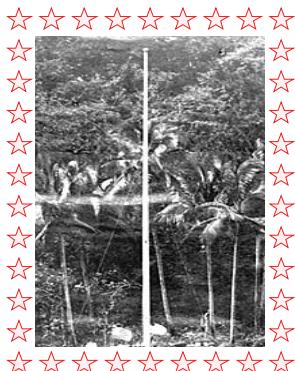
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Flag Day

April 17, 1900



On April 17, 1900 American Samoa became a U.S. Territory with the raising of the American Flag by Captain B.F. Tilley of the Navy at this location. The location on which the flag was raised is called Sogelau hill it is above the current port where the old coal shed used to be located. Since the raising of the flag the site has been abandoned and the front of the hill was cut away and used to fill in the part of the reef in Pago Pago Harbor to create land to expand the Naval Station. In 1997 the American Samoa Historic Preservation Office discovered the remains of this important site; six "iron caps," taken from the 1900 wharf construction, used to anchor the original flag pole. After the site was documented by ASHPO archaeologists it was restored in a partnership developed between a Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout (Mr. Eti Vele) and the American Samoa Government in time for American Samoa's Centennial Celebration on April 17, 2000. The American Flag was raised simultaneously at the original site and at the Fagatogo Malae.

Flag Day Week Starts as American Samoans Unite in Prayer



April 14th 2013-A somber silence filled the air as the Pastors and Reverends prepared for the task at hand. It was an opening to eclipse all openings and an opportunity to show the unity of man and God in the week to come.

"Unity" was the message of the day for the grand opening of the Flag Day week. The service was held at the Governor Rex W. Lee Auditorium with Rev. Faoliu F. Ainuu conducting the service.

His Highness Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese, Governor Lolo M. Moliga, Lt. Governor Lemanu P. Mauga, along with other dignitaries such as the Congressman Eni Faleomavaega and Former Governor, Honorable Togiola T. Tulafono and Secretary of Samoan Affairs, Paramount High Chief Satele and Chief Justice Kruse were in attendance of the event.

In the spirit of "unity", a sermon was delivered by Deacon Malaki Timu of the Diocese of Samoa (Fatu o Aiga). An excerpt of the song "Satalo e, o le uso na toto" was used to deliver the message to

the public.

"We must not only be united together to serve the people of American Samoa, but we must also be in unity with God the source of all the blessings..." said Deacon Timu.

"Honorable Governor and Lieutenant Governor, if we are united with God, then we shall ride in the boat of peace "Ta ile Vai". But if we should not be as one with God, then we shall ride in the boats of war and slavery "Ta ile Tai & Puaolele..." concluded Deacon Timu.

Members of CCC Iesu le Malamalama, CCAS Leone, CCCJS Fagatogo and CCCAS Utulei sang at the service and Reverend Faoliu Ainu'u delivered a spiritual message and benediction.





**A Look Back at
a 113 yrs Ago**



Fitafita Guard in 1907



**Government House
in 1907**



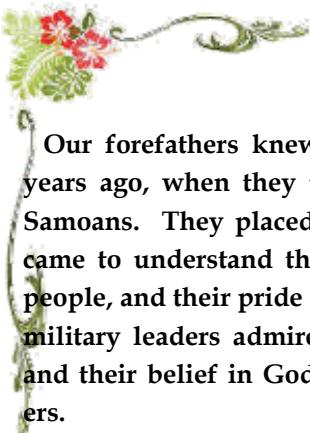
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Congratulations American Samoa!



Editorial

By: Alofagia Nomura

Our forefathers knew what they were signing 113 years ago, when they thought to make us American Samoans. They placed trust in the U.S. leaders who came to understand their wisdom, their love for the people, and their pride in their land. Most of all, these military leaders admired the faith of our forefathers and their belief in God and the answer to their prayers.

In the past century, American Samoa has developed slowly but surely, in what it is today. We, the people, have had many opportunities to change our status of being U.S. Nationals, of retaining our lands, and giving consideration of the type of relationship we have with America. Yet, we have maintained the status quo, and forge ahead to improve what our forefathers began for us.

As a new administration of the 21st century, I would like to begin anew, to reconstruct the collective wisdom or our fa'asamoa through greater dialogue and discussion, "Le Utaga ma le Tofa Loloto", that made it possible for us to be American Samoans as we begin to build newness about our people and our territory. We have become exposed to the global thinking of our planet, and just as we have reaped good things through change, we have also inherited the bad through choice.

This administration looks at one of the heartiest plants of the Pacific, "Le AUTE". From this concept of a plant that is able to survive anything, this administration uses the acronym to designate our vision of Accountability, Unity, Transparency, and Equality.

It is time to be Accountable for our government and for our people. It is time to Unify that which has separated us, made us lethargic, displaced or unheard. It is time to be transparent in our actions, our deeds, and our solutions. Most of all, it is time to provide equality where it is missing, neglected, or ignored. With "Le

AUTE", the American Samoa Government can realize what our forefathers have prayed would remain with us throughout time.

Your Governor does not hold solutions to all our problems. However, I am a firm believer that given the right director and their employees, we will be able to abrogate the shortcomings that placed us at high risk. With the help of our elected officials, our Congressman, our Senators and our House Representatives, we can move mountains that have presented us from being heard, from creating solutions for ourselves, and from praying together as one people with one God.

I am confident that the time is right to make all this possible. With the age of technology improving our connection to the outside world, and our young people becoming entrenched in technology, it is imperative that we help our senior citizens and our youngsters become computer literate and enjoy the benefits of being able to communicate across the globe. I wish to move our capability so that economic development within our territory matches that of any US insular area, and educational opportunities are improved through technology.

We cannot improve if we are not accountable for our actions, if we are not unified in our motives, if we cannot produce transparency and equality services to every single resident of Tutuila & Manu'a.

On this Flag Day of 2013, I call on every resident of American Samoa, every employee of the American Samoa Government and its private sector, to remember the value of living in Amerika Samoa and the wisdom of our forefathers that made this home for us all. Let us each be grateful on this day and let us celebrate the future that we can build together as a Territory.

Soifua & God Bless!

Ta Manua Lau Sisiga Fa'a!

O se Manatu

Tusia e: Alofagia Nomura

Ia mua pea mea i Matautu Sa, i le Viiga ma le Fa'afetai i le Atua Soifua e ou le mana uma, i Lona agalelei ua mafai ai ona tatou fesilafa'i i lenei taeao fou i le lagi soifua manua.

E le o toe auaoa nei i le atunu'u le finagalo autasi o Ta'ita'i o Amerika Samoa ua tofafā mai nei i Ti'asā, e na latou sainia le maliliega ia tu'uina atu Tutuila ma Manu'a i lalo o le fa'amalumaluga a le Unaite Setete, ina ia tutumau i ana tū ma ana aganu'u, ma tapua'iga fa'a-kerisiano. Na latou silafia lelei ai lava, o i'ina e maua ai e Amerika Samoa se atunu'u to'afilemu. Na latou iloa fo'i, o le a lē tulaga'ese ai Amerika Samoa i le so'ona fetuleni mai pea i ai o ni fesuia'iga televave o le soifuaga fa'anei-onapō.

O nei lu'itau uma o lo'o feagai ma Amerika Samoa, ae o le maopoopo ma le tutumau o Ta'ita'i filifilia o ananafi, o le asō, ma a taeao i le Fa'avae, o le a lē tauisoina le fa'amalieina ai pea o le agaga o le Fa'avae o le Malo.

O fitā ma lavelave o lo'o fa'afeagai pea ma le atunu'u o a'afiaga o pulega tau tuge - o le tafue lea o mea leaga uma e ono falute mai pe'ā valetu'ulima lona fa'asoasoaina. Ua faigofie ona tatou malamalamā i ai i lenei tulaga, talu ai ona o lea o lo'o o tatou i ai tonu i totonugalemū o to'atugā ua a'afia ai atunu'u uma o le lalolagi i le taimi lava lenei.

O se fe'au tāua tele lenei mo i tatou uma, O Samoa o le aomamala. O ai se nate fa'alata le atunu'u, e moni e soifua pea, ae ua i ai lona taui.

Ua lava taoso o tatou tagata. Ua tula'i mai nei le Faigamalo mo SUIGA; "E fa'amuamua tagata, E pui-puia aia tatau a tagata; E tutumau ma maopopo finagalo o ona ta'ita'i i le faatautaina o le Malo; E manino ma malamalamā uma le atunu'u i le faafoeina o le malo; A iai se to'atugā i le ta'ita'iga o le Malo, ia faailoa ma fa'amanino i le atunu'u lona mafuaga, o ai na ma-



fua ai, aisea fo'i na mafua ai". Ua matua lo tatou Malo. Ua le tatau ona toe solo itua. Na o le aga'i lava i luma.

E tasi lava le ta'iala lē maluelue i le talitonuga, o le si'itia lea o le tamaoaiga o tagata lautele faatatau i le soifuaga fa'anei-onapo, ma ia li'oli'o nei taumafaiga uma e a tatou tu ma aganu'u maopopo o lo o va'ava'alua lelei ma talitonuga fa'a-kerisiano. O upu masani i le fa'alogo, "o le mea e lelei mo tagata e alala i Tutuila nei, e lelei fo'i mo tagata o lo'o alala i le Manu'atele."

O iina e maua ai pea e Amerika Samoa le to'afilemu ma le fealofani. O le sini lea e mafai ona tatou ausia. Ae mafai lava ona tatou fa'atonutonu malie i pulega mamalu fa'amatai o lo'o fa'afoe i le tofa mamao ma le utaga loloto. E faigofie ona fa'atino nei fa'amoemoega uma pe afai o lo'o i le Malo le malosiaga tau tuge.

O le fa'apogai tonu lena o lo'o tatou taumafai ai i galuega tetele o lo'o fa'alagolago iai le anoano o le atunu'u, e pei o eletise, aualatele, o vai ma telefoni. O le nofoaiga lenei, o lo'o ave le fa'amuamua i A'oa'oga ma le Soifua Maloloina. O le lapataiga a le Kovana Sili, fa'agafua le so'ona fa'aalu o le tuge, va'ai toto'a i lau paketi. O iina e mafai ai ona fa'atonutonu malie le lā o lo tatou Sā.

Soifua ma ia Manua!



Historical Note



Samoa had no flags before Europeans arrived in the early 18th century, and the history of Samoan national flags in the 19th century is complex and not fully documented. In 1899 Great Britain, Germany, and the United States agreed to partition Samoa. The U.S. flag was officially hoisted over American Samoa on April 17th, 1900, and remained the sole official flag for the next 60 years. Local government gradually developed and expanded to involve an increasing proportion of the Samoan population. As a result, the idea of a local flag was first discussed in the 1950s. Local leaders and the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry created the current flag based on ideas submitted by the Samoan populace. It became official on April 17th, 1960, the day the first constitution of American Samoa went into effect and the 60th anniversary of the first hoisting of the U.S. flag in Samoa.

Siufofoga le Atunu'u

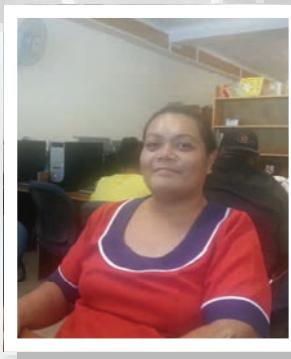
“O le a sou manatu po ‘o sau fa’amanuiaga i le fa’amanatuina o le sisiga fu’a a Tutuila ma Manu’amo lenei tausaga?”



Igoa: Telei”ai Christian Ausage

Nu'u: Iliili

Manatu: “...fa’afetai i le Atua o loo maua pea le soifua manuia ma le soifua faasoa mai le Atua--o le viiga na e toe faafoi ia te ia ina ua mafai ona aulia mai e le faiga malo lenei fo’i sisiga fu’a 2013. Mo’omo’oga alofa, ma fa’amanuiaga ina ia maua se sisiga fu’a manuia...Soifua!”



Igoa: Angela Amata

Nu'u: Nua ma Se’etaga

“... Ese foi le manaia o teuteuga ma sauniuniga aua le sisiga fu’a o lenei tausaga. Matagofie foi le va’ai atu ua toe olaola mai le agaga o le galulue fa’atasi o le tatou faigamalo fa’apea le atunu’u. Manuia lava lau sisiga fu’a Tutuila ma Manu’...”



Igoa: Johnny Kopelani

Nu'u: Iliili

“... momoli atu o’u alofa’aga mo le faigamalo a Tutuila ma Manu’ua aua le aulia mai o le 113 tausaga o lana sisiga fu’a. Ia alofa pea le Atua e maua pea e tatou taitai le tofa mamao e fa’afroe ai le tatou malo ma le tatou atunu’u...”

The American Samoa Government Agencies and Departments Wish American Samoa a Happy and Blessed 113th Flag Day Celebration!

Department of Health



Administrative Services



Tax and Disbursing



Immigration



Human Resources



Department of Commerce



Department of Education



Public Defender



T.A.O.A



To Unite is to Have Courage

By: Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton
Senior Policy Advisor/Office of the Governor



One of the things about American Samoa that I am proud of is that we are predominantly a community of Christians. Although our community is not void of those that fall short of being law abiding citizens generally American Samoa is a wonderful and safe place to live and raise a family.

With any new administration there is much excitement in the air because it signifies a new era, an opportunity for a fresh start, and/or the birth of a new beginning. . I believe that the theme selected by Governor Lolo M. Moliga and Lt. Governor Lemanu Mauga for Flag Day 2013, UNITY is most fitting and timely. On this momentous occasion, we should appreciate the message from this theme and realize the task at stake. Unity is needed at the forefront. .

As public servants we must be steadfast , we must be strong and courageous enough to build this great community not only for us now but for the future. We have been blessed with a rich heritage but somehow along the way we have fallen short of our stewardship for what has been entrusted to us. Maybe we can refocus our minds and hearts to look to the history of our great island nation and the land we love as well as our partner, the great United States of America and see

what made them so strong.

As the Governor's Senior Policy Advisor I am conscience of his vision to restore the people's confidence in their government, by building a service culture across all functions and departments of government. His mission statement to "... expand opportunities for all the residents of American Samoa through sound public policy ..." whereby , all who have a stake in a problem constructively explore their differences and develop a "joint strategy" for action; that all government regulatory and policy requirements be harmonized to the greatest extent. is a vital requirement in our everyday work

We have no other acceptable course than to Unite in service, unite, in partnership, public, and private, young and old, . Lets unite to bring about a reassertion of traditional values. I speak not only of our rich cultural values but most of importantly our spiritual Christian values of which Unity is key.

Lets be involved, less we give our liberties up! The good works of each individual can make a huge difference when we combine our efforts and our strengths to make the changes for the betterment of our community. Unity is a vital part of the foundation of this administration.

"TO SEE WHAT IS RIGHT AND NOT DO IT, IS THE WANT OF COURAGE." Confucious

HAPPY FLAG DAY 2013 AMERICAN SAMOA!



The ASCC Art Students at the Arts Council Flag Day Art Show